As requested by the Examiner, applicant has amended the specification to add the reference character "22" into the specification. The Examiner had objected to the original drawing since no specific reference to "22" was in the specification. This amendment to the specification merely explains the reference number "22" and does not constitute new matter. Additionally, one skilled in the art would recognize the numbered element "22" as a "spray controller" as shown, for example, in U.S. 4,572,406.

The amendments to the claims also do not constitute new matter. The amendment to claim 14 to adjust the lower weight percent of the "resin" is taught at page 3, line 19 of the specification.

Additionally, the Examiner acknowledged applicant's claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) but argued that the provisional application would not provide adequate support under 35 U.S.C. 112 for claims 3 and 4 of this application arguing that those portions of the specification teach modified alkyd resins. In actuality, however, the provisional application in claim 1, line 11 at page 12 of the provisional application specifically teaches the broad language of "an alkyd resin".

In the official Office action of February 28, 2005, the Examiner had indicated that claims 14 and 15 were allowable as written. The amendment to claim 14 to adjust the range of weight percentage suggested for the resin portion from a lower value of 25 to 20 should not change the allowability of that claim.

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The Examiner had also indicated had claims 2, 7 and 10-13 were objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the amendments entered herein, applicant has essentially rewritten claim 10 into claims 1 and 16, and claim 11 into independent claims 17 and 28. All the remaining claims are, therefore, either dependent upon these claims, or were originally allowed in the previous Office action.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-28.

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